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Introductory Comment

1. Nationalist military arsenals captured by the Communists include the following: No. 11, Chuchou (113-06, 27-53); No. 90, Mukden, whose estimated capacity was reduced 80 percent by Soviet removals of equipment, machinery and supplies; No. 44, Tsinan; No. 61, Shanghai; No. 30, Wuchang (114-17, 30-32); No. 70, Peiping; No. 60, Nanking; the group at Taiyuan (112-35, 37-52); and No. 26, Hanyang (114-14, 30-31)*****.

Capture of the arsenals solved the Communists' major production problems because the condition, production and products of these arsenals were vastly better than those of the small-scale factories previously possessed by the Communists. This report gives details of the production of each arsenal before capture.

3. It is estimated that at one time the Communists had some 400 armament factories. The equipment of a good many was crude owing to the shortage of buildings, machine tools and technicians. Many factories existed only to fill local daily needs, and were moved from place to place. After the major Nationalist arsenals were captured by the Communists, the value of small factories diminished. Several were closed, others were moved, and some were combined. Because of this, it has been impossible to avoid including some obsolete material in this compilation, as well as some duplication of information.

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4. The following tables were compiled from data collected before November 1948, and

arsenals have not been included. An attempt has been made to include only that material which is reliable and up-to-date. However, no production details are known after Communist occupation of the arsenals; it is likely that they have increased production during the past year (1949). It is probable that, in some cases, capacities as given vary somewhat from actual production.

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The equipment of the five preceding arsenals was not removed and fell into Communist hands in toto.

- ✓ 6. Arsenal No. 60, Nanking
Monthly Capacity
- Situated outside Chung Hua Gate, Nanking
100,000 hand grenades
20,000 82 mortar bombs*
15,000 4.2 inch projectors*
5,000 3.1 inch projectors*
1,000 1.5 inch projectors*
1,000 1.5 inch projectors*

The greater part of the equipment and machinery from this arsenal was removed to Tairan and Kaohsiung in Taiwan. A small part left behind in Nanking for repair was lost.

- ✓ 7. Arsenal No. 61, Shanghai
Monthly Capacity
- Situated in Sunghua Road, Shanghai
10 armored vehicles*

The greater part of equipment and machinery from this arsenal was removed to Taipei and Shungshan (120-38, 23-29) in Taiwan. A small portion left behind in Shanghai was lost.

- ✓ 8. Northwest Manufacturing Plant
Monthly Capacity
- Situated in Hsi Min Tsun, Taiyuan
1,500 boxes of small-arms ammunition
1,200 rifles*

- ✓ 9. Northwest Artillery Manufacturing Plant
Monthly Capacity
- Situated inside Taiyuan Arsenal, Taiyuan
90,000 artillery shells*
3,000 155 mm shells*
3,000 105 mm shells*
200 81 mm trench mortars*
200 120 mm trench mortars*
100 160 mm trench mortars*
100 240 mm trench mortars*
100 155 mm howitzers*
100 105 mm howitzers*
100 75 mm mountain pieces*

All the equipment and machinery of the two Northwest plants above were lost to the Communists.

- ✓ 10. Northwest Yu Tsai Steel Works
Monthly Capacity
- Situated in Arsenal Road outside Great Northern Gate, Taiyuan
50,000 shells of all descriptions
20,000 cast iron
10,000 steel

- ✓ 11. Chin Hing Industrial Co.
Monthly Capacity
- Situated in San Ping Shih Street, Taiyuan
3,000 hand grenades
100 81 mm trench mortars*

- ✓ 12. Northwest Munition Plant
Monthly Capacity
- Situated in Hsi Min Tsun, Taiyuan
50 tons of explosives

- ✓ 13. Northwest Repair Shop
Monthly Capacity
- Situated in Arsenal Road, Taiyuan
200 155 mm shells*
100 105 mm shells*

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Northwest Locomotive Repair Shop
Situated in Arsenal Road, Taiyuan

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Monthly Capacity

10,000 casings for No. 3 hand grenades*
1,000 mountain piece shells*
1,000 projector missiles*
20 mountain pieces*

15. Northwest Industrial and Machine Tool Factory
Monthly Capacity

Situated in Kan Ho village (unlocated) north of Taiyuan
350,000 rounds of LMG and HMG ammunition
1,000 howitzer shells*
1,000 hand grenades of all descriptions
300 mountain piece shells*
150 projector missiles*
100 HMGs and LMGs*
10 flame throwers*
10 mountain and field pieces*
An unspecified number of howitzers*

16. Taiyuan Manufacturing Co.
Monthly Capacity

Situated in Small East Gate Street, Taiyuan
3,000 No. 75 rifles**
200 LMGs*

17. Chin Hing Repair Shop

Situated in Small East Gate Street, Taiyuan

This shop undertook repairs of all types of small arms and the production of all types of shells and munitions. Its monthly capacity is not known.

18. Fu Hing Repair Shop

Situated in Pai Hsiao Tsians, Taiyuan

This shop undertook repairs of all types of small arms and the production of all types of shells and munitions. Its monthly capacity is unknown.

19. Chin Hing Industrial Machine Shop

Situated in Hsien Chien Street, Taiyuan

This shop undertook manufacture of trench mortars, LMGs, HMGs, light artillery pieces, and all types of shells. No capacity figures are available.

All equipment and machinery belonging to the establishments numbered 10 to 19 above were lost to the Communists.

Important Arsenal Known To Have Been Located in Communist Areas

1. Liaoning Province.

- a. One arsenal located north of Sui Ho (unlocated). Half of its 2,000 workmen were Japanese.

- b. One arsenal located in the former premises of the iron foundry at Wafangtien (119-15, 41-08). Employing 5,000 workmen, it can manufacture all types of munitions.

2. Antung Province.

- a. Ta Piao Tzu Shan Arsenal

Located in the neighborhood of Ning An (unlocated). A large number of its workmen were of Japanese & Korean origin.

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300 hand grenades*
50 rifles*

f. Antung Arsenal

Daily Production

Antung (124-24, 40-03). 700 skilled Japanese laborers.
50 rifles*
30 pistols*

g. One arsenal located along the bank of the river outside the East Gate of Shian (126-10, 41-06). 10 percent of its 2,000 workmen were Japanese and Korean. Machinery was established underground.

Daily Production

2,000 rounds small-arms ammunition
150 hand grenades*
50 land mines*

d. One arsenal located in Chung-Hu Street, Antung. 2,000 workmen.

Daily Production

300 hand grenades*
20 rifles*
10 grenade dischargers*
2 machine guns*

3. Liaopei Province.

a. Liberation Repair Shop

Daily Production

Located to the south of Ssu Ma Lu on the east of Ssu Ping Road. 3,000 workmen.
Organized in four sections: repair, manufacture, supply, and general affairs.***
1,500 rounds of small-arms ammunition.

b. Taonan Arsenal

No production details available.

Located in Ping Tai Chen, Taonan (122-47, 48-10)

c. Taoan Arsenal

No production details available.

Located in Taoan (122-49, 45-37)

4. Sungkiang Province.

a. Nankang Arsenal

Daily Production

Located south of Harbin. 2,000 workmen.
It was converted from the main repair shop of the Harbin Railway Administration.
1,500 rounds of small-arms ammunition
50 hand grenades*

b. Tung Kee Workshop

Located at Pin Kiang railway station outside Harbin. 1,000 workmen. No production details available.

c. One arsenal located at Ssu Ma Lu, Harbin, to the southeast of the Mutanchiang Railway Line. 2,000 workmen.

Daily Production

2,000 hand grenades*
500 artillery shells*

d. Sungkiang Military District Arsenal

Daily Production

Located in a dugout on the hill to the south of Mutanchiang (129-36, 44-35).
Workmen among whom were 50 Japanese.
Could repair large-caliber artillery.
2,000 rounds small-arms ammunition
500 land mines*
2 grenade dischargers*

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- e. One arsenal converted from a former alcohol manufacturing plant situated in Tai Ping Chiao, Harbin. 800 workmen, of whom 20 were Japanese and Korean.

Daily Production

1,000 hand grenades*
200 land mines*

- f. Hunchun Arsenal

Daily Production

Located near Hunchun (130-21, 42-52).
The exact number of workmen unknown, but some 100 Japanese are included.
1,000 hand grenades*

- g. Yenchi Arsenal

Located in the southern outskirts of Yenching (129-31, 42-53). 2,000 workmen, of whom more than half were Japanese. It can manufacture mountain pieces, HMGs, and rifles. It is one of the two largest arsenals in eastern Manchuria.

5. Kirin Province.

Kirin Arsenal

Daily Production

Located on the hill to the south of East Railway Station at Tumen (129-49, 42-58).
2,000 workmen.
1,000 artillery shells*
200 land mines*

6. Hokiang Province.

- a. Chi Hsi Arsenal ✓

Located in the area to the west of Tungen (121-51, 45-33). 5,000 workmen. Established December 1946, it was the largest Communist arsenal in Manchuria.

- b. Hokiang Arsenal

Daily Production

Located on the hill five li north of Chihai (134-58, 45-18). 1,000 workmen, of whom 100 were Japanese.
3,000 rounds small-arms ammunition
3,000 hand grenades*
500 artillery shells*

7. Heilungkiang Province.

- a. Tung Ta Arsenal

Location Tienli (128-02, 46-57). 3,000 workmen, including 300 Japanese skilled laborers and two of Soviet origin.

- b. Heilungkiang Arsenal

Located at Mei Erh Keng (unlocated) to the north of Tsitsihar (123-57, 47-20). 1,000 workmen. Well-equipped, it could undertake the manufacture of machine guns and rifles.

8. Nunkiang Province.

Tsitsihar Arsenal

Located at Tsitsihar. The director of this arsenal was CHAO Wen. No details of production are available.

9. Jehol Province.

- a. One arsenal located in the premises of the local prison at Kailu (121-12, 43-35), with branches in the premises of the Chi Shou administrator's building.

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Daily Production

1,000 rounds small-arms ammunition
500 hand grenades*
300 artillery shells*

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5. One arsenal located in the T'ai Hsueh Mountain to the west of the Temple of the God of Medicine. (Unlocated) 1,000 workmen.
Daily production 1,000 hand grenades*
500 land mines*

- c. 4th Productive District of East Jehol

Daily Production

Located at La Pa Tung, Lingnan (119-47, 40-50). 1,000 workmen. The director of this arsenal was MA Yu-fung.
4,500 hand grenades*
200 artillery shells*
80 land mines*

10. Chahar Province.

- a. Chahar Arsenal

Daily Production

Located at Lu Chih Ling (unlocated), 70 kilometers to the east of Ho Ying (unlocated), a village to the west of Weihsien (unlocated). 600 workmen.
500 hand grenades*
200 land mines*
20 pistols*

11. Hopei Province.

- a. One arsenal located on Yamen Street, Hsi Cu (unlocated) village near Tseching Kuan (unlocated), to the west of Hsien (115-29, 39-21). 1,600 workmen, of whom 1,000 are Japanese. Rifles, artillery shells, small-arms ammunition, land mines, and small-caliber artillery pieces were manufactured here, but exact production figures are not known.

- b. One arsenal located at Pei Pa (unlocated) village, twenty li northwest of Wuchianghsien (115-51, 38-10). 1,000 workmen, of whom twenty were Japanese. The director of the arsenal was MA Wen-yao.

Daily Production

32 rifles*
4 machine guns*

- c. One arsenal located on the hill to the north of Yang Ping Chen (unlocated), southwest of Foupingsien (115-2, 33-52). 3,000 workmen. Has its own power plant. Production figures not ascertained, but the plant worked day and night.

- d. One arsenal located at Pai Tu (unlocated) village, seventy li to the west of Tzuhsien (114-23, 36-22). 2,000 workmen.

- e. One arsenal located at Chiaoguang (113-42, 38-34), to the northwest of Pingshan and southwest of Foping. 1,300 workmen. Daily production not known.

- f. One arsenal located at Chun Cheng Chen (unlocated) to the northwest of Pihhsien (unlocated). 1,000 workmen among whom were Russian and Japanese skilled laborers.

Daily Production

1,000 rounds small-arms ammunition
300 land mines*
300 hand grenades*

- g. One arsenal located at Ching Wen (unlocated), 40 kilometers east of Foping. 1,400 workmen.

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Daily Production

- 4,000 land mines*
- 4,000 hand grenades*
- 2,000 rounds small-arms ammunition
- 200 rifles*
- 10 machine guns*
- 3 trench mortars*

h. Hopsi Artillery Ammunition Factory

Located at Ying Chien (unlocated) village, 70 li to the northeast of Taping. 1,150 workmen.

Daily Production

400 artillery shells*

i. One arsenal located at Ssu Hsiao Chiang (unlocated), about 40 li to the east of Tsao Tsiang (unlocated) Hsien. 2,100 workmen.

j. One arsenal located about fifteen li from Hochienhsien (116-05, 38-26). 2,000 workmen. This arsenal had two sections, viz.: a foundry and an explosives plant.

Daily Production:

- 1,000 hand grenades*
- 100 land mines*

12. Shanshi Province.

a. One arsenal located at Licheng (113-31, 36-24). 1,000 workmen.

Daily Production

- 24 grenade dischargers*
- 20 rifles*

b. One arsenal located at Tai Yang Tsun, Kaoping (113-04, 35-48). 6,000 workmen.

Daily Production

- 1,000 hand grenades*
- 500 land mines*
- 100 rifles*
- 4 machine guns*

c. 21st Arsenal

Located at Chi Chieh Tsun (unlocated), 30 li from Lucheng (113-21, 36-15). 1,000 workmen. The director of this arsenal was CHANG Pin-ting. This arsenal was moved from Kuantai (114-05, 36-16), Iowai Province. It had an electric power plant; it could manufacture trench mortars, and grenade dischargers. The plant was established at Lucheng in 1947.

d. New China Company

Located in Ping Cheng Chen, Lingchuan (113-25, 35-43). It had 1,000 workmen and new machinery. It manufactured No. 88 trench mortars*.

e. One arsenal located at Wei Tiao Tsun, 60 li northwest of Chincheng (112-56, 35-31). 2,000 workmen, among them were a number of Japanese technicians. It could manufacture No. 88 rifles* as well as explosives.

f. One arsenal located at Wei Tiao (unlocated), 40 li north of Chincheng. 3,000 workmen. This arsenal was being enlarged. It could manufacture light machine guns, rifles, and pistols.

g. An artillery ammunition factory located at Nan Shih Tsao, five li outside the East Gate of Changchih (113-14, 36-05). 2,400 workmen. HUANG Tin-kuo was the director of this factory. It could manufacture trench mortar bombs at a daily rate of about a hundred boxes.

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- h. One arsenal located at Yangcheng, Changchih. 1,500 workmen. KUO Kung-cheng was director. It was a branch of the arsenal located at Licheng.
Daily Production
1,500 hand grenades*
100 land mines*
100 artillery shells*
- i. A repair shop located in Fu Tien, about to the north of West Street, Changchih. It employs 2,000 men. HANG Ping-hwei was director.
Daily Production
40 grenade dischargers*
20 rifles*
2 artillery pieces*
- j. Ammunition factory located in Ma Chia Chuang (unlocated) to the south-east of Hukuan (113-22, 46-54). 1,000 workers. CHEN Te-yu was director.
Daily Production
2,000 hand grenades*
100 land mines*
- k. One arsenal located at a coke producing center at the intersection point of Wutai (113-34, 39-04), Foping and Pingshan (114-13, 38-16). 1,300 workmen who produced 2,000 rounds of small-arms ammunition daily.
- l. One arsenal located at Liukou, Kuanglang (112-58, 36-45). 4,000 workers.
Daily Production
1,000 hand grenades*
100 caddies wrought iron
100 land mines*
200 rifles*
10 machine guns
- m. One arsenal at Fu Tou Tsun (unlocated), to the southeast of Hukuan. 2,000 workmen. This arsenal had an electric power plant. It could manufacture rifles, machine guns, trench mortars, land mines, and grenade dischargers.
- n. Shanshi-Suiyuan Explosives Factory
Daily Production
Located in Hou Chia Chi Tai, Ninghsien (unlocated). 1,000 workmen and some eighty machines.
20,000 rounds small-arms ammunition
- o. An artillery ammunition factory at Shih Keng Tsun (unlocated), ten li to the north of Liachsien (113-25, 37-01). 1,000 workmen who produced 250 artillery shells daily.*
- p. Shansi-Hopei-Monan Border Area Arsenal
Daily Production
Located at Kuang Hua Tung (unlocated) to the south of Liachsien. 1,000 workmen.
10,000 rounds small-arms ammunition
50 hand grenades*
4 machine guns*
2 HMGs*
2 trench mortars*
- q. Taihong Military District Arsenal
Daily Production
At Sung Yen Chen (unlocated), 50 li to the southeast of Hoshun (113-37, 37-19). 1,000 workmen.
3,000 rounds small-arms ammunition
100 hand grenades*
20 rifles*
10 grenade dischargers*
- r. Taihong Military District Hand Grenade Factory
Daily Production
Located at Shang Chang Tsun (unlocated), 40 li south of Yangcheng (112-30, 35-30).
HANG Chien director. 1,000 employees.
5,000 hand grenades*

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Taiwan Military District
Hand Grenade Factory

located at Tsia Chang Tsun (unlocated),
about 10 li south of Yangcheng. 500
workmen who produced daily some 1,000
singles of explosives.

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- t. One arsenal located at Shang Chai Tsun (unlocated) to the southeast of
Lingchiu (114-04, 39-24). 2,000 workmen.
Daily Production 1,000 hand grenades*
50 artillery shells*
20 rifles*
- u. One arsenal located at Ku Yen Tsun (unlocated), southeast of Licheng.
2,000 workmen.
Daily Production 10,000 hand grenades*
100 grenade dischargers*
100 rifles*
30 machine guns*
10 heavy trench mortars*
10 light trench mortars*
- v. One arsenal at Changchiu. TSI Yi-shun, director. This arsenal had its
own electric power plant. 1,500 workers. It produced trench mortars,
grenade dischargers, rifles, land mines, and hand grenades. The exact
production figures could not be ascertained.
- w. One arsenal located at Liang Tien Tsun, Liachien. 1,000 workmen who
produced 30 rifles* and 8 machine guns* daily.
- x. An arsenal in Huai Shih Chai, about 3,000 workmen. TUNG Kuei-chi,
director. Production consisted of an unknown number of rifles and arti-
llery shells.
- y. An arsenal located at Tsao Tsun (unlocated) outside the east gate of
Changchiu. 2,000 workmen. It could produce an unknown quantity of
trench mortars, rifles, and machine guns.
- z. One arsenal at Tien Ping Kew, 10 li southeast of Huchai (111-49, 38-55).
The production of this arsenal, which was formerly located in northern
Shensi and employs 1,000 workmen, is not known.
- aa. A steel works at Ho Shang Kew, 10 li southwest of Chinglohsien (111-52,
28-23). 1,000 workmen. Production unknown.
- bb. An arsenal in an old temple, 5 li southeast of Wutai. 1,100 workmen
among whom were Japanese and Russian technicians. Using power produced
in its own plant, it manufactured rifles, hand grenades, and land mines.
- cc. One arsenal located in Kuan Ning Tsun, north of Ku Men Tsun (unlocated),
20 kilometers southwest of Shechiu (112-12, 39-05).
Daily Production 10,000 rounds small-arms ammunition
100 rifles*
- dd. Maotien Arsenal
at Maotien (unlocated), 60 li southeast
of Lichien. 4,000 workmen, among whom
were 10 Russian and 10 Japanese technicians.
Daily Production 20 rifles*
3 machine guns*
10 trench mortars*
- Weekly Production

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13. Shantung Province.

a. 2d Arsenal

Located at Ta Yu Chuang (unlocated), four li from Tsakou (120-35, 36-43), west of Chihhsia (120-49, 37-16). 2,000 workmen among whom were Russian technicians.

b. A hand grenade factory at Pa Kiu in Miao, 30 li east of Mengying (117-59, 35-45). 2,000 workmen, who produced 30,000 hand grenades daily.

c. One arsenal 60 kilometers southwest of Tahsiaokotou, Mouping (121-37, 37-24). 1,300 workmen. It could produce heavy trench mortars and howitzers, and was experimenting with bazookas.

d. Arsenal located at the northeast corner of Nanchen (116-14, 36-45), northeast of Hsinshui (unlocated). 1,000 workmen. Produced artillery shells and land mines. It also undertook repairs.

e. An arsenal located at Wenteng (121-03, 37-12), and its immediate vicinity. 1,900 workers. Produced rifles, tommyguns, and grenade dischargers.

f. One arsenal located at southeast corner of Mingtien, Lunan (unlocated). Used 2,000 workmen and produced 400 artillery shells daily.

14. Honan Province.

a. An arsenal located at Hsi Ta Tsun (unlocated), 45 li east of Shehsien (113-50, 36-38). 5,000 workers. It used waterpower from the Chang river, but production is not known.

b. A chemical works in Ho Tsun Shien, Kuan (114-16, 36-44). Besides producing 1,000 caddies of sulfuric explosives daily, its 1,200 workers turned out rifles, land mines, and hand grenades.

c. One arsenal located at Tung Tsun (unlocated), 18 li northwest of Shehsien. Equipped with a hydroelectric power plant, it employed 1,800 workers. It produced 2,000 rounds small-arms ammunition and 1,000 hand grenades daily; and 50 rifles, 8 trench mortars, and 7 light machine guns weekly.

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* Comment. Weapon not identified or type not specified.

** Comment. All weapon identifications are given as received. Tentative identifications based on information available are:

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a. No. 75 rifle

Probably a Chinese imitation of the German 7.5mm Mauser bolt-action military rifle.

b. No. 41 75mm mountain gun

Probably an imitation of the Japanese Model 41 (1903) 75mm infantry gun, which was originally the standard Japanese pack artillery weapon.

c. 50mm mortar

Probably an imitation of the Japanese Model 98 (1938) 50mm trench mortar.

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*** Comment. The condition of the Chenchi Arsenal since its transfer to the Kweichow Provincial government is not known.

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*** Comment. No city or town location received.

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*** Comment. The majority of the equipment of Arsenal No. 26, Hanyang, was moved to Taiwan before the Communists arrived.

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Production at Certain Nationalist Armories Prior to Communist Occupation:

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1. Arsenal No. 11, Chuchow
Monthly Capacity
Main plant at Chuchow; branch plant at Shengchi (109° 19', 28° 29')***
1 million rounds of small-arms ammunition
500,000 rounds of small-arms ammunition, belted
50,000 hand grenades* 25X1A
2. Arsenal No. 20, Huchang
Monthly Capacity
20,000 rifle grenades*
25,000 hand grenades*
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DO NOT DETACH
3. Arsenal No. 4, Tairan
Monthly Capacity
Located in Hsin Chuang, Tairan
20,000 rifle-projected flares*
5,000 land mines*
2,000 flare flares
400 Vickers pistols
300 60 trench mortars*
4. Arsenal No. 90, Mukden
Monthly Capacity
Located in Hsiao Tung District, Mukden
5 million rounds of small-arms ammunition
200,000 hand grenades
30,000 M-60 mortar bombs*
20,000 M-82 mortar bombs*
5,000 M-41 75mm mountain gun shells
2,000 rifles*
1,000 assault rifles*
1,000 assault rifles*
100 M-60 trench mortars*
10 light machine guns (LMGs)*
20 M-82 trench mortars*
5 M-41 75mm mountain guns**
5. Arsenal No. 70, Peiping
Monthly Capacity
Located in Tung Hu Palace, Hsin Chiao, Peiping
100,000 hand grenades*

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